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1 Volkswagen will offer generous compensation packages for the roughly 600,000 U.S. owners of diesel vehicles that emit an illegal amount of emissions, the head of its claims fund told a German paper. The German car maker has still not decided whether vehicle owners will be offered cash, car buybacks, repairs or replacement cars, Kenneth Feinberg told Frankfurter Allgemeine Sonntagszeitung. REUTERS

HASHTAG #RIPTWITTER

2 The hashtag #RIPTwitter became the top trending U.S. item on Twitter on Saturday, after a report from BuzzFeed said the company is planning to change how it displays users' tweets. The BuzzFeed report, which went live on Friday night and did not disclose the source of its information, said the social media platform will reorder tweets to prioritize those it believes more users will want to see. Currently, Twitter arranges tweets in chronological order. The response to the news on Twitter was overwhelmingly negative. REUTERS

INDIAN POINT LEAK

3 A nuclear power plant north of New York City has leaked water contaminated with radioactive tritium into the groundwater below the facility, sparking an investigation by state officials, Gov. Andrew Cuomo said. Cuomo said he learned on Friday of "alarming" levels of radioactivity at three monitoring wells at the Indian Point plant in Buchanan, about 40 miles north of New York City on the east bank of the Hudson River. REUTERS

7 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

PAST SUPER BOWL MVP

7 Two-time Super Bowl MVP Terry Bradshaw is introduced during a ceremony before the game on Sunday.

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GAY BASHER SENTENCING

4 Kathryn Knott, 25, the Bucks County woman convicted of participating in the assault in Center City on a gay couple, is scheduled to be sentenced today. Knott was convicted of simple assault and reckless endangerment after a trial. It is unclear if she will face jail time. Two men previously pleaded guilty to the assault and were sentenced to probation and banned from Center City. SAM NEWHOUSE

PEOPLE STILL TRAPPED

5 Rescuers in Taiwan pulled more people alive from a collapsed apartment tower on Sunday, a day after a strong earthquake shook the island, and kept searching for about 120 people still believed trapped in the ruins of the building. Those found alive include a 20-year-old identified by Taiwan media as Huang Kuang-wei and another man in his 20s surnamed Kuo, who was able to walk out from the rubble, supported by rescuers. Both were sent to hospital. REUTERS

CABBIE ROBBED

6 A cabbie was shot and robbed by his passengers Saturday, police said. Two men and a woman got in the cabbie's car near Broad and Wharton streets at 3:26 a.m. Saturday and asked for a ride to 28th and Tasker streets. On arriving, the two men pulled out guns and demanded the cabbies money. The cabbie instead started driving and crashed his car, despite being shot in the arm, and fled on foot to flag down cops. All three suspects escaped. The investigation is ongoing. SAM NEWHOUSE

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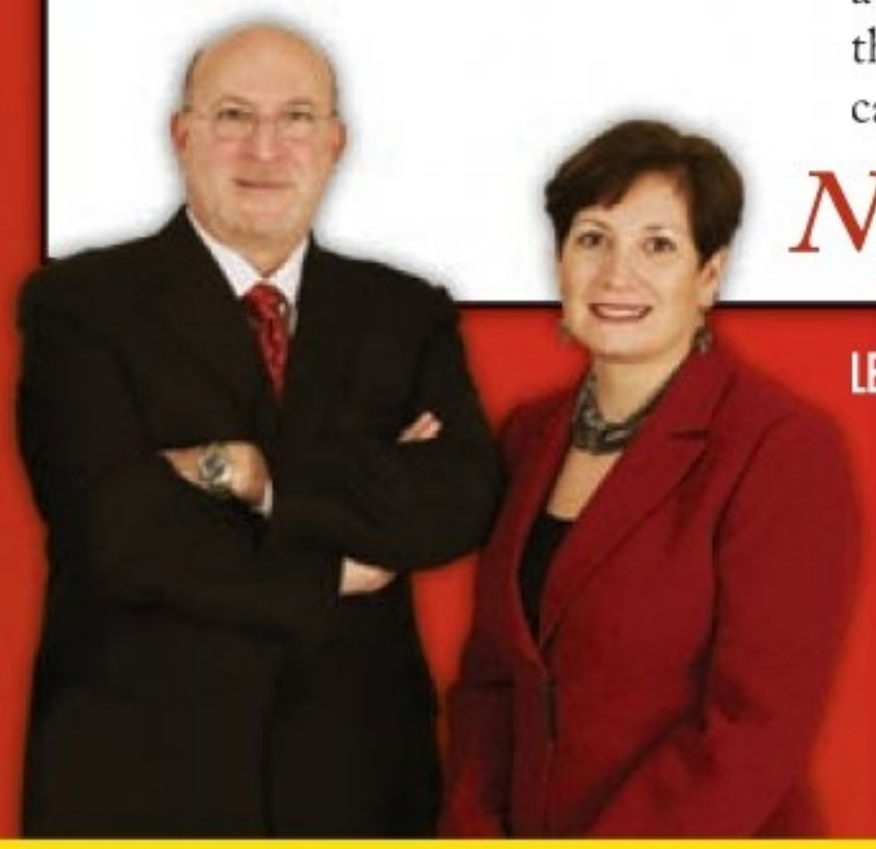

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Officers kill bulldog that bit kids
Police officers shot an American bulldog to death Saturday night after the animal bit children and charged at officers.

The incident on the 5700 block of Pemberton Street in Cobbs Creek on Saturday night after police received a call at 11:20 p.m. of a "person screaming."

Police officers arrived and found a 14-year-old girl "bleeding from her face, arms and feet," according to the police report.

The girl told police "that she was inside the location with her friends when she was attacked by an American Bulldog inside and bitten several times," the police report said.

Receiving word other kids were inside the same building, officers entered, at which point the dog charged them.

"The bulldog charged at the officers. The officers retreated before being forced to fire shots at the dog to stop its advance," the police report stated.

The dog was was fatally wounded by the shooting.

The 14 year old victim was transported to Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and was listed in stable condition.

She sustained "numerous abrasions, lacerations, and puncture wounds to her nose, right foot, right leg, both hands, both arms, and right nostril" during the dog attack, according to police.

No other injuries were reported.

No arrests were reported and the police did not release the identity of the owner.

The case remains under investigation.

Anyone with any information about the case is being asked to call 215-686-TIPS (8477) or text a tip to PPD TIP (773847).

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Philly cops on patrol. CHARLES MOSTOLLER

Cop dragged by man's car

A police officer attempting to make an arrest was dragged as the suspect tried to speed away.

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One Philly police officer found himself dragged by a suspect's car Sunday while attempting to make an arrest for DUI, and wound up tossed from the car's side and skidding 20 feet on pavement.

The incident occurred at 1:58 a.m. when two 19th district officers tried to pull over a 2008 silver Infiniti traveling with no headlights on near 61st Street and Lancaster Avenue.

As the officers approached the car, one saw the driver duck aside, and then sit back up, not holding anything in his hands like paperwork, according to the police report.

As officers observed signs that the driver was under the influence, the driver attempted to flee, police said, striking the officer and leaving him hanging on the side of the vehicle in an attempt to not be run over.

"The officer observed that his eyes were glassy and blood shot. At that time the male then reached to the shifter. Officers told him to relax and shut the vehicle off. The male put the car in gear, turned the wheel to left and accelerated," the police reports state.

In the next few seconds the officer was struck by the car and grabbed inside the vehicle to not fall under the car and get run over, police said.

"The driver proceeded to drive at a high rate of speed on to Lancaster Avenue dragging the officer. The officer yelled to the male to stop. The driver kept driving with officer hanging on the side of the car," the police report states. "When the vehicle straightened out the Officer let go of the car which caused him to fall to the ground and skid about 20 feet on his right side."

According to police the officer was uninjured — just "his equipment, boots and firearm" sustained visible damage from skidding.

Afterward, the driver fled in his vehicle, and was spotted half an hour later near Belmont and City avenues. Police tried to stop the car in the parking lot of a Target on the 4000 block of Monument Road, but the driver fled. A short time later, police heard the car had crashed on Ridge Avenue and Kelly Drive.

The driver fled on foot from the crash into the tennis courts and was apprehended after a brief pursuit by two officers.

The driver was in police custody yesterday. His identity and formal charges against him had not yet been released by police.

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Woman is victor at Wing Bowl 24

Molly Schuyler won Wing Bowl again by eating 409 chicken wings.

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Wing-eating warrior Molly Schuyler regained her crown once again Friday morning.

"I'm ecstatic. This is awesome. This is the best day of my life," she said, after smoothly sailing to victory over reigning champ Patrick Bertoletti.

In total, Schuyler downed 429 wings to Bertoletti's 408, making her the second-time winner of 94WIP's annual Wing Bowl at the Wells Fargo Center in South Philadelphia.

She surpassed her winning score of 363 last year and wanted to pass 500.

Asked if any of the other 30-some-odd guys (and one gal) in the bunch of eating competitors intimidated her, Schuyler said no.

"I used to beat up my brothers," she laughed.

Well before the sun came up, the Wells Fargo Center was littered with people and confetti — inside and outside — marking the predawn debauchery that is Wing Bowl.

NBA Hall of Famer Dennis Rodman was introduced as a special guest by show host Angelo Cataldi. He was announced at the beginning of the show, after the contestants' introductions, but was poorly received by fans, with boos resonating from the crowd.

"Most of you guys hate me. I don't know why. I do live a good life. I do," he said to the crowd.

In Round 1 of the eating competition, four eaters were disqualified for breaching the "you heave, you leave," rule.

By Round 2, puke was spewing everywhere, and sand was covering nearly half the floor to prevent slippage. By the end, nobody could wipe the smile off Schuyler's face or snatch the crown off her head. She took home $10,000, a 2016 Harley Davidson Fat Boy and a Wing Bowl championship ring, compliments of 94WIP.

"If you're not in the zone, you fall behind," Schuyler said of her strategy.

"I didn't doubt myself. I didn't pay attention. If you don't pay attention, you can't get let down."

'Sexist gluttony'

While Wing Bowl is a beloved by competitors, wingettes and thousands of fans, it has a terrible reputation online. Check out some of the outrage this year's Wing Bowl sparked:

"Angelo [Cataldi] is a dirty old man. Every year the wing bowl comes up your station show cases how sexist and backwards he is." -@CaptainReason

"I feel like a lot of ppl don't know about Wing Bowl which solidifies Philadelphia's reputation as the most disgusting city in the US." -@WarOnXMASVet

"I ♥ you, Philadelphia. But Wing Bowl is just disgusting and shameful." -@PhillyGrlInNYC

"Wing bowl is disgusting end of story." -@kaitOconnell

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Prepare for Year of the Monkey

A week of festivities to ring in the Chinese New Year kicked off Sunday.

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A crowd of pedestrians, tourists and children in Dilworth Park on Sunday gathered around the drum beat and dancing lions of Philly's Sun Lions dance troupe as they performed to preview the coming Chinese New Year celebrations.

Steven Wu, 19, a sophomore at Temple, is one of the lead dancers who held a 25-pound traditional lion head over his head while performing in the traditional ceremony — and snapped its oversize jaws near members of the audience, to onlookers' delight.

"These are lions. We try to mimic as good as we can how lions are, how menacing it can be and how playful it can be at the same time," Wu said. "We don't want to scare our audience — we just want to get them involved."

Wu started out in the Sun Lions organization six years ago playing in their associated basketball and volleyball teams. Over the years he got involved in the lion dance which celebrates the coming of the traditional Chinese New Year.

"I felt I had to give back. I really enjoy doing it," Wu said. "It's good for the community to come together and show off Chinese culture.

Now the Sun Lions are one of the most recognizable faces of Chinese New Year celebrations in Chinatown.

The performance, meant to ward off bad luck, was previewed at Dilworth Park on Sunday, and followed up by a midnight performance in Chinatown.

The full festivities of the Philadelphia Sun Lions Dance parade will take place Sunday, Feb. 14, and will include a martial arts performance.

Between now and then, Philadelphians can look forward to other events and festivities celebrating Chinese culture as the Year of the Monkey begins.

Members of the Philadelphia Suns performed, celebrating Chinese New Year to surprised crowds. Chinese New Year starts Monday at midnight and runs all week. CHARLES MOSTOLLER

The traditional Chinese calendar is lunar, based on cycles of the moon, and revolves around the Chinese zodiac of 12 animals. According to the calendar, 2016 is the Year of the Monkey, which is associated with that animal's spirit of intelligence and enterprise.

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BRIEFS

Che Duvall PROVIDED

Fourth patient linked to mold outbreak at Pittsburgh hospital dies

A Pennsylvania man, who sued the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center over a deadly, mold-linked infection he and other organ transplant patients contracted at the facility, has died.

UPMC on Sunday confirmed the death of Che DuVall, 70, and extended its sympathies to his family. DuVall, who had a lung transplant, is the fourth transplant patient at the hospital system who contracted infection and died.

"We again want to reassure our patients that we have taken every possible precaution to make our hospitals as safe as is humanly possible and have followed all recommendations made by federal and state regulators," UPMC said in a statement.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said in a December report that the four patients at the hospital system between September 2014 and September 2015 contracted the rare and often deadly infection caused by a group of molds. Three had died by the time the report was released, it said.

"All infections were suspected to be health care-associated," the report said, adding an intensive care room may have been a common thread.

UPMC has not commented on the negligence suit. REUTERS

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This will be a full week of relentless cold, and for the first half, we will deal with accumulating snow. As for how much snow? That depends on where you live.

This morning a very intense ocean storm is sending bands of heavy snow across sections of Eastern Long Island with the bulls-eye taking aim at Southern New England.

For the Philadelphia region, the main impact will be some minor tidal flooding along the Jersey shore and just a brush with some light snow mainly for the coastal sections and off shore.

After the ocean storm departs, diving energy will dive southeastward from the Ohio Valley and this will lead to secondary storm development just off the Jersey shore come late tonight. This storm will not be nearly as intense as the storm that is moving off the coastline now.

However, a trough extending out from the center will stretch westward through Southern New Jersey, cutting through Philly and then straddled across Chester, Delaware, and Lancaster counties enhancing snow rates which I believe will mean a strip of snow of about four inches. This will cause big travel headaches on Tuesday for Philadelphia and its surrounding suburbs, especially for the evening commute.

Cold weather despite warm hearts expected on Valentine's Day

A frigid blast for the entire Northeast, as cupid shoots a frigid arrow this way for Valentine's Day weekend. Many areas will fall into the single numbers on Saturday night, with wind chill factors below zero. Protect your tender loving sweethearts.

Looking ahead:
Long-range computer models along with other global factors are strongly indicating a major storm potential for the Northeast between Feb. 16 and Feb. 18, with heavy snow and rain. The potential threat is moderate.

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Super security

A Homeland Security police officer watches as fans arrive for Super Bowl 50 at Levi's Stadium on Sunday between the Denver Broncos and the Carolina Panthers in Santa Clara, California. GETTY IMAGES

Two people killed, at least 10 injured in Orlando club shooting

Two people were killed and at least 10 others were injured when as many as three shooters opened fire in an Orlando nightclub with a crowd of about 300 people in the predawn hours of Sunday, police in the Florida city said.

Three off-duty Orlando police officers were working as security in the Glitz Ultra Lounge in the city's tourist district, and none of them discharged their weapons, Orlando police said, adding that the club also had its own security guards.

One of those shot died on the scene and the other died at a hospital, police said.

"All of the shots that were fired last night were fired inside the club," department spokeswoman Michelle Guido told reporters.

Eight of the injured had gunshot wounds and one of them was in critical condition at a hospital. The others had injuries that were not life-threatening, Guido told a news conference.

"There may be other people that were injured in the club when people were trying to get out," she said.

No motive was given for the shooting and the names of the dead or injured were not immediately released.

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North Korean rocket puts object into space, angers neighbors, US

The U.S. Strategic Command said it had detected a missile entering space, and South Korea's military said the rocket had put an object into orbit.

North Korea launched a long-range rocket on Sunday carrying what it called a satellite, but its neighbors and the United States denounced the launch as a missile test, conducted in defiance of U.N. sanctions and just weeks after a nuclear bomb test.

North Korea said the launch of the satellite Kwangmyongsong-4, named after late leader Kim Jong Il, was a "complete success" and it was making a polar orbit of Earth every 94 minutes. The launch order was given by his son, leader Kim Jong Un, who is believed to be 33 years old.

The launch prompted South Korea and the United States to announce that they would explore the feasibility of deploying an advanced missile defense system in South Korea, which China and Russia both oppose, "at the earliest possible date."

North Korea's state news agency carried a still picture of a white rocket, which closely resembled a previously launched rocket, lifting off. Another showed Kim surrounded by cheering military officials at what appeared to be a command center.

Isolated North Korea's last long-range rocket launch, in 2012, put what it called a communications satellite into orbit, but no signal has ever been detected from it.

"If it can communicate with the Kwangmyongsong-4, North Korea will learn about operating a satellite in space," said David Wright, co-director and senior scientist at the Global Security Program of the Union of Concerned Scientists.

"Even if not, it gained experience with launching and learned more about the reliability of its rocket systems."

The rocket lifted off at around 9:30 a.m. Seoul time (7:30 p.m. Saturday, EST) on a southward trajectory, as planned. Japan's Fuji Television Network showed a streak of light heading into the sky, taken from a camera at China's border with North Korea.

North Korea had notified United Nations agencies that it planned to launch a rocket carrying an Earth observation satellite, triggering opposition from governments that see it as a long-range missile test.

The U.N. Security Council condemned the launch in an emergency meeting on Sunday, and vowed to take "significant measures" in response to Pyongyang's violations of U.N. resolutions, Venezuela's U.N. ambassador said.

Venezuelan Ambassador Rafael Dario Ramirez Carreño, president of the council this month, told reporters the launch was "a serious violation of Security Council resolutions." REUTERS

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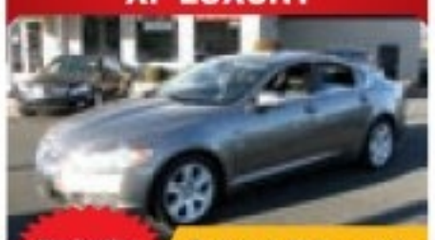
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Rubio falters in presidential debate, offering hope to rivals

Rubio's tough moments may breathe new life into the campaigns of Christie, former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush and Ohio Gov. John Kasich, three experienced politicians who, like Rubio, represent establishment Republicans.

Republican White House contender Marco Rubio struggled at a debate on Saturday at the worst possible time, potentially confounding his bid to emerge as Donald Trump's chief rival in New Hampshire and giving hope to three rivals desperate for a strong showing.

Under assault from New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie over his level of experience as a first-term senator from Florida, Rubio retreated time and again to canned statements from his stump speech and looked uncomfortably rattled for the first time after seamless performances at seven prior debates.

"Marco, the thing is this," Christie said during one heated exchange early in the night, "when you're president of the United States, when you're a governor of a state, the memorized 30-second speech where you talk about how great America is at the end of it doesn't solve one problem for one person."

While Rubio recovered later in the debate, the timing of his performance was terrible, coming three days before New Hampshire Republicans register their choices on Tuesday in the nation's second nominating contest. The debate at St. Anselm College was the last face-off of the candidates before the vote.

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Trump did not have his best debate. He looked flustered in a fight with Bush over the use of eminent domain in advancing the interests of public use projects and private industry.

But he seemed to do well enough to possibly win on Tuesday in what would represent his first victory of the 2016 race, erasing the pain from a loss in the Iowa caucus last week, where he finished second to Cruz and just ahead of the surging Rubio.

Republican presidential candidate Marco Rubio GETTY IMAGES

A victory in New Hampshire could put Trump on track for more wins in South Carolina on Feb. 20 and beyond on the way to the Nov. 8 election.

For the second debate in a row, Bush looked polished and sounded like the candidate many establishment Republicans had pinned their hopes on. His problem is it may be too late.

Kasich, likely to end his candidacy if he does not do well on Tuesday, delivered a positive message that could appeal to New Hampshire Republican voters, who famously make up their minds late and never seem in the mood to follow the lead of the Iowa caucuses, won by Cruz. REUTERS

BRIEF

Christie, Rubio and Kasich get more debate traction on social media

Donald Trump lost his social media dominance for the first time during the Republican presidential debates as the candidates made their eighth showing in New Hampshire.

Instead, many on Twitter took to mocking contender Marco Rubio, who came under heavy attack on Saturday from rivals. New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie also saw a big bump in his share of the social conversation.

By the end of the night, Trump, who has the most followers, still received the largest share of mentions on Twitter, with 33 percent compared to Rubio's 20 percent. Ted Cruz, a senator from Texas, came in third, with 15 percent.

But Twitter said an hour into the debate that Rubio was the most tweeted about candidate on the social media platform, marking the first time a candidate other than Trump came out on top within that time frame.

Overall, Rubio received 10 more mentions per minute on Twitter than he did during the last Republican debate on Jan. 28, according to social media analytics firm Zoomph. REUTERS

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New Hampshire win not necessary to secure nomination: Trump

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump said he does not have to win the New Hampshire primary vote on Tuesday to secure the nomination, apparently tamping down expectations despite holding a double-digit lead in that state's polls.

The billionaire businessman came second to Texas Sen. Ted Cruz in the Iowa caucuses last week although polls put him ahead. His candidacy has alarmed the Republican establishment and has been marked by controversy, including over his calls for a temporary ban on Muslims entering the United States.

No Republican has won the presidential nomination without winning either the Iowa caucuses or the New Hampshire primary since the 1970s, but it would not technically be impossible.

Donald Trump GETTY IMAGES

Asked whether a loss in New Hampshire would derail his campaign, Trump told the NBC News show "Meet the Press": "I don't think I need it. I hope that I get it."

"I would like to win but I don't know that it is necessary."

Recent opinion polls give him a lead of between 10 and 22 percentage points over the next closest contender.

Trump has built his campaign in part around his self-declared reputation as a "winner," and a loss in New Hampshire would intensify doubts that he can translate opinion-poll support into votes.

He also told "Meet the Press" that he has spent as much as $50 million less than expected on the campaign so far, in part because the media provides him so much free publicity.

"People like you put me on. What do I take a commercial for?" Trump told the show's moderator Chuck Todd. REUTERS

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Carnival roars ahead in Brazil despite Zika health scare

The worst health scare in recent history is not keeping Brazilians from their annual Carnival revelry, with millions of partiers swarming streets and some making fun of the mosquito that spreads Zika and other viruses.

Street processions, block parties and the televised, big-budget parades that are the hallmark of the festival moved into their second day on Sunday, even as Brazilian health officials continued to grapple with an outbreak that may have infected as many as 1.5 million people and could be linked to suspected deformations in more than 4,000 infants and unborn children.

"It's one more thing to worry about," said Juliana Araujo, a 48-year-old schoolteacher at a street party in Rio de Janeiro, where other problems, like an economic recession and impeachment proceedings against Brazil's president, seemed distant concerns.

Recent news that traces of the virus had been identified in blood, saliva and other bodily fluids of patients known to have been infected with Zika would not do much to dampen a festival known for its fair share of casual sex, she predicted: "People aren't going to stop having fun and hooking up."

Over a million people hit the streets in cities like Rio, home to the country's best-known Carnival celebration, and the northeastern capitals of Salvador and Recife, two cities hard hit by the outbreak.

Along with the usual cross-dressing, superheroes and other outlandish costumes worn by partygoers, some toyed with themes related to the scare. Outside a juice bar in Rio early on Sunday, three men dressed as mosquitoes mingled with other revelers, the names of maladies borne by the insect stenciled across their chests: "Zika," "dengue" and "chikungunya."

For some, the levity is welcome relief amid nonstop Zika headlines. After emerging in Brazil last year, the virus has now been locally transmitted in at least 30 countries, according to the World Health Organization.

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Scenes from Carnival 2016 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. GETTY IMAGES

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Red Lobster squanders Beyoncé tweet opportunity

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Over the weekend, Beyoncé casually dropped a new video, "Formation (Dirty)," that took the online world by storm. But one particular lyric got a bit of extra attention — and with good reason. In the middle of the track, she slips in, "When he f— me good, I'll take his a— to Red Lobster." Which is just plain awesome. So immediately the denizens of Twitter turned to the seafood chain for a response — any response, really — to the epic endorsement. Personally, I was hoping they'd just adopt it as their new slogan, but no. Early Sunday morning, the crack team of marketers at Red Lobster finally released "Cheddar Bey Biscuits" — has a nice ring to it, don't you think? — before hashtagging the song and at-mentioning Beyoncé. Just … no. I mean, we shouldn't be surprised that Red Lobster would disappoint — it's a familiar feeling, after all — but still. On the bright side, I hear there's a certain chain restaurant that suddenly has an opening for a social media manager.

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Solange's son makes everything OK

Speaking of the Knowles family, Beyonce's sister Solange was having a much less super weekend thanks to a mishap at a Mardi Gras parade that saw her wedding ring go missing. "Honorary Muse Solange lost her wedding ring between Toledano and Foucher. Reward if found," the Krewe of Muses organization wrote on their Facebook page following the parade this weekend. There's no word yet on whether the ring has been found and returned, but Knowles herself is keeping things in perspective, tweeting, "My son said, mom I'm just happy YOU didn't fly off the float, & that your safe, & that you still get to have the love you have. *tears dried."

DAILY VIDEO

Bern Your Enthusiasm

When "Saturday Night Live" booked Larry David to host, this is probably the very first thing that came to mind: A spoof of David's classic HBO series "Curb Your Enthusiasm," but about Bernie Sanders' campaign in Iowa. It's comedy gold. Also, this just proves we need more actual "Curb Your Enthusiasm," if only to get Leslie Jones on there sparing with David.

Johnny Depp 'tortured' Leonardo DiCaprio

Sure, Leonardo DiCaprio is one of the biggest stars around, but there was a time when he was just a sitcom kid trying to transition into meatier roles, like 1993's "What's Eating Gilbert Grape." And it probably didn't help to have his older, more successful co-star be such a jerk to him. "I tortured him. I really did," Johnny Depp told an audience at the Santa Barbara Film Festival this weekend. "It was kind of a dark period. [I'd say], 'No, I will not give you a drag of my cigarette while you hide from your mother again, Leo.'" And you see what that led to? DiCaprio vaping all the way through the SAG Awards.

Sylvester Stallone can't spell NAACP

Now, not that this necessarily has anything to do with this awards season's enduring theme of racial diversity issues, but it sure doesn't help. Sylvester Stallone spent the first part of this weekend celebrating his "Creed" colleagues at the NAACP Image Awards and the second part apologizing for not quite sticking the landing. "Presenting CREED at the NASCP Image awards." Stallone posted to Instagram Saturday. Within two hours he had a humble follow-up: "Sorry for the miss spelling of NAACP … Besides everything else, I am slightly dyslexic."

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Dancing through others

Raphael Xavier's piece for this weekend's FringeArts finds him examining himself.

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A scene from "The Unofficial Guide to Audience Watching Performance." FRINGEARTS

After a 2007 spinal injury forced him to temporarily step away from dancing, Raphael Xavier began to delve into more autobiographical themes. His piece "Black Canvas" looked back over his three decades of hip-hop dance, from schoolyard show-off to respected choreographer, as his adult-self narrated and a 13-year-old counterpart mirrored his moves.

That piece was derailed at one 2010 performance in California, however, when his dancers failed to appear by showtime. "I stalled by talking to the audience, trying to kill time and hoping they were going to walk through the door any minute," Xavier, now 45, recalls. "But that never happened. So I started talking through the choreography."

The direct relationship with the audience that Xavier discovered from that impromptu performance turned into "The Unofficial Guide to Audience Watching Performance," which the Philly-based choreographer brings to FringeArts this weekend. Xavier plays a substitute teacher looking back on his life in hip-hop, with two other dancers standing in for him as a teenager and young man. The choreographer examines his life and aesthetic with a combination of dance, narration and rhymes that may never have come about if it hadn't been for some less-than-reliable dancers.

"If I was someone who didn't like taking chances," Xavier says, "I probably would have told the audience, 'Yo, I don't have any dancers. I apologize, but I can't perform.' But I've been breaking for 30-some years and it's built on improv. You don't know what vocabulary or choreography are when you start out. You just do it. You crash, you turn it into something; you fall, you turn it into something. You make a mistake, you go in another direction and turn it into something."

Growing up in Wilmington, Delaware, Xavier discovered breaking in the early '80s, at the height of its short-lived mass popularity. As he recalls, "Something that was very new got old quick. I discovered it in '82 or '83 and it was gone by '85 or '86. But if you can remember, everybody and their parents were breakers. They wanted to pop, to moonwalk, to backspin, and then all of a sudden it was corny."

The passion for dance had already seized Xavier by the time the trend moved on, and he continued to practice out of the public eye. A decade later, Rennie Harris established Puremovement, the first hip-hop dance touring company, and in 1998 Xavier joined the troupe. A few years later he struck out on his own and has been creating his own work ever since. This fall, he'll premiere "Raphstravaganza," a circus-style performance with acrobats, BMX riders, street performers and live music by avant-jazz composer Bobby Zankel.

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When her late-night political comedy show "Full Frontal" premieres today, Samantha Bee will do one thing like a man: She'll be standing up.

"The one thing that I knew is that I wouldn't have a desk," the former "Daily Show" correspondent says. "I actually like using my body a little bit more. I find if I'm really stationary, sometimes all the comedy goes into my face, and then it's a really weird performance of me pulling crazy faces."

Bee's mission statement for the show is straightforward: "I'd like to make a funny show that draws attention to things that are important." But how will her gender affect what that means? Will this be an after-hours version of a daytime talk show? Can women's issues be funny? Does being a woman pose an obligation?

Bee says her "womanness" will certainly influence the show's point of view. "[Women] see things differently," she says. "The stories that speak to us, speak to us differently than they speak to the other shows, and that naturally flows from the gender that we grew up with." The risque-sounding title is actually about being unflinching and even visceral — like an upcoming segment on Texas' TRAP laws changing how abortion providers operate.

Ultimately, "Full Frontal" will not be feminine so much as feminist. Bee points to the Zika virus outbreak and the response of medical authorities, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention here in the U.S., warning women not to get pregnant rather than urging men to use birth control. "Full Frontal" aims to be a reminder of a simple truth: We're all in this together.

"A story about women getting a mosquito-borne virus that creates birth defects in the womb affects men, it affects families," she says. "These things don't just resonate with women; they're everybody's issues."

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Bee is hoping to leverage her Canadian heritage for the show: The Toronto native is trying to get Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau as a guest when he visits New York in March. Besides having sway with the world's new political crush, being an immigrant has been an advantage in her line of work: "It was always useful, from the beginning, because it's such a bird's-eye view into this janky political system."

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Alden Ehrenreich

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The young actor plays a singing cowboy star in the Coens' "Hail, Caesar!"

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It's not easy pretending to be a bad actor. In the Coen brothers' "Hail, Caesar!" Alden Ehrenreich has to do just that. He plays Hobie Doyle, a fictitious star of singing cowboy pictures of the early '50s, and the studio bosses decide he should try his hand at light comedy. What's bad for the film-within-the-film is great for the audience, as Ehrenreich nails the deer-in-headlights awkwardness of a limited thespian who's been miscast.

In truth he's never felt uncomfortable performing on screen.

"I started acting when I was really young," Ehrenreich tells us. "I was 18 in my first movie. When you're that young you don't know any better. You don't know that you should be uncomfortable."

The Coens are famous for not giving their actors a lot of notes yet still getting highly stylized, precise performances. How can you tell you're doing what they want?

"If they're laughing, that's one thing," Ehrenreich says. "They laugh out loud during takes to the point where sometimes you have to re-record stuff. If they're liking something they just laugh, which makes it really fun cause you feel like you have a real audience there."

Ehrenreich, 26, is no stranger to the film classics. "When I was really little, my parents used to do these film festivals in our house, where we'd watch like every Charlie Chaplin movie or Marx Brothers movies or Westerns. A lot of Westerns." That came in handy for "Caesar!" in which he has to rock the stiff acting and light crooning that came with America's then-most-popular film genre.

The Coens are far from the first major filmmakers for whom Ehrenreich has worked. His breakthrough was in 2009's "Tetro," for no less than Francis Ford Coppola, who cast him again in his 2011 3-D film "Twixt." He had a small role in Woody Allen's "Blue Jasmine," and this year should see the release of Warren Beatty's still untitled Howard Hughes movie, in which he's second-billed. On top of that, he was discovered as a teen by Steven Spielberg, who saw a comedic video he acted in for a friend's bar mitzvah.

All of this came in handy for "Hail, Caesar!," which requires knowing a lot about cinema's Golden Age.

"The best research for old Hollywood research is Warren," he says. "Warren came here in 1959 and has been famous for 50 years. He knew Orson Welles and knew Charlie Chaplin and knew [MGM boss] Louis B. Mayer and knew [producer] Charlie Feldman and [writer] Lillian Hellman and all these people. I met with Warren for about five years before we made the movie and that time was spent getting all this history from him and hearing these incredible stories."

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Recipe

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Cooking time: 35 minutes
Attributes: poultry + pork
Calories: 640 kcal/person
Allergens: gluten

What we send
- 2 cloves garlic (0.2 ounces each)
- fresh sage (0.1 ounce)
- 2 boneless, skinless
- chicken breasts (6-8 ounces each)
- ¾ cup farro (4.6 ounces)
- 2 oz pancetta
- 3 oz baby spinach

What you need
- olive oil
- coarse salt
- freshly ground black pepper

Equipment
- large skillet
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Directions:

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2 Brown chicken
Transfer garlic and sage to a plate with a slotted spoon. Season chicken with salt and pepper. Add to garlic-sage oil and cook until browned on both sides, 8–10 minutes. Transfer chicken to a rimmed baking sheet.

3 Toast farro
Add farro to skillet and cook until a little darker, about 2 minutes. Add 2 cups water and bring to a simmer. Cover skillet with a lid or foil and cook until farro is tender, about 15 minutes.

4 Prep chicken
Meanwhile, top chicken with sliced pancetta.

5 Crisp pancetta
Preheat broiler to high with rack 6-inches from heat source. Broil chicken until pancetta is browned and crisp, about 5 minutes.

6 Finish farro
Uncover farro and add spinach, stirring gently until wilted, about 1 minute. Serve chicken with farro and spinach, topped with crispy sage and garlic. Enjoy!

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Michael Antonorsi started in the world of tech, but after 14 years decided to become a chef in Paris. He believes that chocolate should be an emotional experience, and for Valentine's Day, he's created a unique take on a chocolate-covered strawberry: The fruit is dehydrated, then soaked in port wine and blanketed in port-infused chocolate.

Strawberry Balsamic Rare Facets

Kohler Original Recipe Chocolates, Kohler, Wisconsin
Kohlerchocolates.com
After dreaming of becoming a pastry chef since childhood, Anette Righi DeFendi's career plans changed at her first chocolate class. Her geometric creations look straight out of the future—a good relationship omen—and come with a range of fillings, but this sweet strawberry and tangy balsamic blend stands out.

Mint Chocolate Bonbon

Fine & Raw, New York City
Fineandraw.com
Daniel Sklaar's chocolate is the one to buy for your guy with a sweet tooth. Trading perfection for rugged handsomeness, his treats aren't uniform. But the one consistent factor: The handmade chocolates, produced in Sklaar's hip Brooklyn shop, pack an entire slice of cake's worth of richness into each superdense piece.

Peanut Butter & Jelly Bonbon

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Santosh Tiptur grew up on Cadbury Chocolate Eclairs (a caramel candy filled with milk chocolate) as his treat for getting chores done, which led him to explore other varieties. Try his signature creation, meticulously decorated bonbons, filled with surprising pairings like rosemary caramel and banana ginger. The PB&J is a perfect bite of childhood.

Japanese Mermaid

Oliver Kita Chocolates
Rhinebeck, New York
Oliverkita.com
Chocolate is an everyday delicacy for Oliver Kita, who spent most of his life as an artist before turning to chocolatiering. The creative background helps him not just to design chocolates but also invent new flavor combinations. The umami kick of the Japanese Mermaid is like a dessert sushi roll: spicy seaweed sits on top of dark chocolate infused with sesame and wasabi.

Cookies & Champagne Bonbon

Stick With Me, New York City
Swmsweets.com
Susanna Yoon's runway-ready creations look more like jewels than chocolate, spackled with glittery patches and playful fillings. In this bonbon, she pairs crunchy cookie bits with Champagne that leaves the tongue fizzing. Swing by her sunny little shop near SoHo to watch the chocolates being made.

Basil Yuzu Truffle

Voilá Chocolat, New York City
Voila-chocolat.com
Christophe Toury is a big fan of citrus as a complementary flavor to chocolate. Biting into this particular truffle, the brightness of basil is the first note to come through, like the crisp greenery of spring; then the chocolate melts, releasing the yuzu for a taste of early summer.

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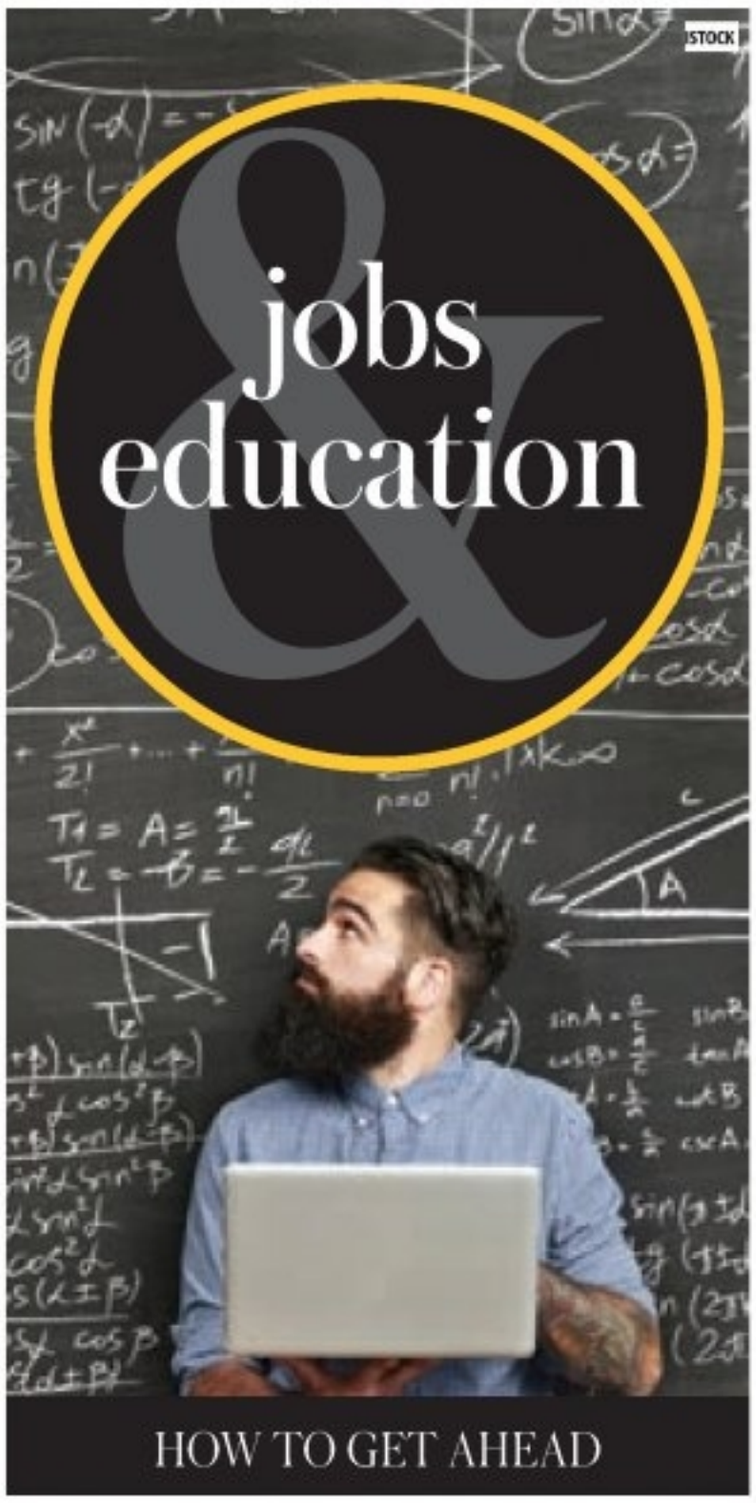

What your college major says about you

Are law students selfish and art students neurotic? According to a new study, yes.

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University majors attract students with very similar personality types, according to a study published in the journal "Personality and Individual Differences." Lead author Anna Vedel, a psychologist at the University of Aarhus in Denmark, found that those who study business or law tend to be more selfish and uncooperative but on the plus side, they're "less neurotic" and more extroverted than those in arts or humanities.

Scientists analyzed 13,000 students from 12 different studies to look for correlations between the so-called Big Five major personality traits (neuroticism, extraversion, openness to experience, agreeableness and conscientiousness) and what the individual studied.

We spoke to Vedal about the implications of her research.

The 'Big Five' personality traits:

Neuroticism: anxiety, angry hostility, depression, self-consciousness, impulsivity, vulnerability.

Extraversion: warmth, gregariousness, assertiveness, activity, excitement seeking, positive.

Openness: fantasy, aesthetics, feelings, actions, ideas, values.

Conscientiousness: competence, order, dutifulness, achievement striving, self-discipline.

Agreeableness: trust, straightforwardness, altruism, compliance, modesty, tender-mindedness.

How did you come up with the idea for this study?
When I finished high school, I found it very hard to decide which major to choose. I liked both the sciences and humanities, so the idea came to me that maybe I shouldn't only look at what I liked and was good at, but also consider which social environment I would "fit into" with my personality.

What are the most interesting results from the study?
The finding that the studies measuring students' personality at enrollment show the same personality group differences after long time periods.

Tell us more about the connection between majors and personality.
Economics and law students scored low on "agreeableness and openness" whereas psychology and arts/humanities students scored high on these personality traits.

Psychology and arts/humanities students scored high on "neuroticism" also, whereas economics, law, business and sciences students scored low on this trait.

What's next?
I've just moved to Brisbane to visit a research colleague, and I might do some research in a completely different area. But I'm not done with personality group differences. I'll be back.

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New York public school students who observe Lunar New Year take pride in citywide recognition of their culture.

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The Year of the Monkey begins today, and that means parades, fireworks, and — for the first time — an official day off school in New York City to honor Lunar New Year. Public school students who observe the holiday no longer have to choose between going to class and honoring their cultural tradition.

"So often with schools with a large ESL population, it's all about acclimating," says Melanie Lee, the principal at Queens High School for Language Studies in Flushing, where more than 60 percent of the student body is Asian-American. "When you have citywide recognition of another holiday, it allows schools to take a step back and say, 'We value students' home culture and home language.'"

In September, Mayor Bill de Blasio fulfilled a campaign pledge from 2013 to close schools for the first day of Lunar New Year (often referred to as Chinese New Year, though it is celebrated throughout East Asia) as well as on the Muslim holy days of Eid al-Adha and Eid al-Fitr. Elected officials and community groups had been pushing to add Lunar New Year to the public school system for years. Of the system's more than 1 million students, one in six is Asian.

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Lee, who went to high school outside of Philadelphia, says that every immgrant famiy holds onto tradtions in different ways. "My public high school was 2 percent minority" she says."There was never really any acknowledgement of other holidays or cultures."

On Friday, students from the Queens High School for Language Studies held a talent show and Lunar New Year celebration at the Flushing Town Hall.

At the High School for Dual Language and Asian Studies in Manhattan, where about 83 percent of the school's 421 students are of Asian descent, 11th grader Tema, 16, says "all the students are feeling really ecstatic" about the school system's recognition of Lunar New Year.

"I'm actually Tibetan, not Chinese," says the 16-year-old. "The fact that New York City made this holiday is also for other student populations. The Tibetan new year also falls on this day, and so we are also recognizing another minority, the Tibetans. It shows a real coming together of the community."

In the past, students have "had to make a hard choice; they don't feel they can miss a day's work and take a day off," says High School for Dual Language and Asian Studies Principal Li Yan, noting that it's important for students to "feel that their culture is being recognized."

"I'm Cuban, I don't celebrate Chinese New Year, but the fact we have the day off gives us a chance not to overlook the Chinese culture, especially for us non-Asian students because we hear a lot about it, but we don't get the chance to experience it first-hand," says Thalia, 16.

Families congregate on Lunar New Year — it's as significant as "Thanksgiving and Christmas combined," says Lee. Attendance at previous schools where she worked was low on Lunar New Year, since many students stayed home to be with family.

"For a lot of parents, it's one of the few days they get off, especially if they work for Chinese-owned businesses," she says, but this year, it "doesn't have to be a sacrifice."

The dragon dance is often performed during Lunar New Year, and is believed to bring good luck. ISTOCK

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Penn hoops turning the corner

The Quakers are routinely near the bottom of the Big 5 and Ivy League standings.

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It will never be the way it once was for Penn. No, the Quakers will never again be mentioned among the elite in the land, the way Villanova may well be when the polls come out today or both Temple and St. Joseph's were more recently.

But after so many down years, so many losing seasons — seven in the last eight years, in fact — the Red and Blue may finally be turning the corner. Even after completing a Palestra sweep of the weekend — something which used to be routine with wins over Dartmouth and four-time defending champion Harvard — the Quakers are only 8-11, 2-3 in the Ivy League.

But with a young team that seems to be improving, first year coach Steve Donahue is starting to like what he sees.

"I can't say enough about just our effort, in terms of competing," said Donahue, following Saturday's 67-57 win over Harvard after rallying late to beat Dartmouth 71-64 Friday. "I thought we really competed in the second half and were better poised. We had six games in 47 days before this. Now we've played four in eight days. This was last of that four-set. The guys understand how hard it is to play. They're not gassed after four to five trips down the court.

"The big thing over this weekend is we're getting into a rhythm."

The key to beating Harvard was having three players with double doubles, as Penn crushed the Crimson on the boards, 53-32, while outscoring them 46-26 in the paint. Senior Darien Nelson-Henry (18 points, 12 rebounds), junior Matt Howard (12 and 11) and emerging freshman sixth man Max Rothschild (14 and 11) led the way.

The Quakers hope to, someday soon, return to the glory days in the Palestra. GETTY IMAGES

"We have a young team, but our chemistry is getting there," said the 6-foot-8-inch Rothschild, who's reached double figures in six of his last eight games. "We have a really good feel for each other. To sweep Harvard and Dartmouth is huge. I think it says a lot about our toughness. We competed this weekend and I thought we grew as a team."

When the Quakers quickly fell behind Dartmouth, 8-0, Friday, Donahue yanked his starters and let them watch the reserves bring Penn back, before putting them back on the floor. But when Harvard jumped off to a 7-0 lead Saturday, the lineup stayed the same.

"They were competing but things just weren't going right," explained Donahue, who was here under Fran Dunphy when Penn was a perennial power, then guided Cornell to three straight Ivy titles from 2008-10. "I told them the team that is willing to make the most mistakes is gonna win this game. You can't be afraid to make mistakes.

"We weren't afraid. That's what showed in the second half. Kids were making plays rather than turnovers."

If they can keep that up, build upon a nucleus that will have everyone back next year except Nelson-Henry, just maybe the newbies can soon restore some of that old glory.

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Eagles have options at quarterback

If the Eagles do not reach a deal with Sam Bradford, there are a bevy of other viable options.

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As the Eagles prepare for life after Chip Kelly, they must work to reconstruct a roster that was designed for the past regime. No decision looms larger in that process than what the franchise decides to do at the quarterback position. Philadelphia's best options, in order, are as follows:

1 Sign Ryan Fitzpatrick

If the Eagles are going to head into the 2016 season with a veteran quarterback, Fitzpatrick, who spent 2015 with the Jets, is better suited for Doug Pederson's offense than Bradford. Pairing Fitzpatrick, who threw for almost 4,000 yards and 31 touchdowns in 2015, with a revitalized DeMarco Murray could quickly help the Eagles reach the playoffs. In addition, at 33, Fitzpatrick would cost less money than Sam Bradford, and could groom any quarterback the Eagles draft.

2 Retain Sam Bradford

While Bradford is perhaps the best quarterback on the open market, he is also the most notable holdover from Kelly's reign at the helm. Beyond that, his numbers on the year (19 TD, 14 INT) are lackluster. However, the former first overall pick did prove he could stay healthy, served as a valuable leader in the locker room, and finished the year by throwing 10 touchdowns and just four interceptions in his last seven games. According to recent reports from Adam Schefter, the Eagles will not use the franchise tag on Bradford, but could still bring him back with a new contract.

3 Draft a quarterback

When Jeff Lurie finally grew tired of Kelly, he reverted to what he knew and hired Andy Reid's right-hand man, Pederson. In doing so, he may wish to re-create the formula that worked for so long in Philadelphia and pair a young quarterback with his rookie head coach. From a financial standpoint, this would be the most efficient means of acquiring a quarterback. Using the franchise tag on Bradford, or signing him to a long-term deal, could prove fiscally detrimental in years to come.

4 Sign Brock Osweiler

As the end of Peyton Manning's career looms, it is hard to imagine the Broncos parting with Osweiler. Nonetheless, Denver's front office remained unsure about Osweiler as recently as Week 16 despite the young quarterback outplaying Manning and beating Tom Brady. However long the odds, if the Broncos make the mistake of letting the 25-year-old test free agency, the Eagles should pounce.

5 Take a chance on Robert Griffin III

According to a December report by NFL.com, the Eagles were interested in adding RG3 when Kelly was still in charge. Under Pederson, a mobile quarterback is not the same ideal fit. However, RG3 will be looking for a place to re-establish his value, and in all likelihood that would allow the Eagles to add him at reduced rate.

In the wake of Kelly's sudden departure, taking a chance on the former Redskin could provide the Eagles with both immediate and long-term dividends. However, for a team that does not intend to rebuild, adding Griffin represents a significantly bigger risk than trusting in Fitzpatrick, or even Bradford. There have also been swirling rumors of a possible return of Nick Foles, a quarterback who was drafted while Pederson was with the Eagles a few offseasons ago. However, this is an unlikely scenario.

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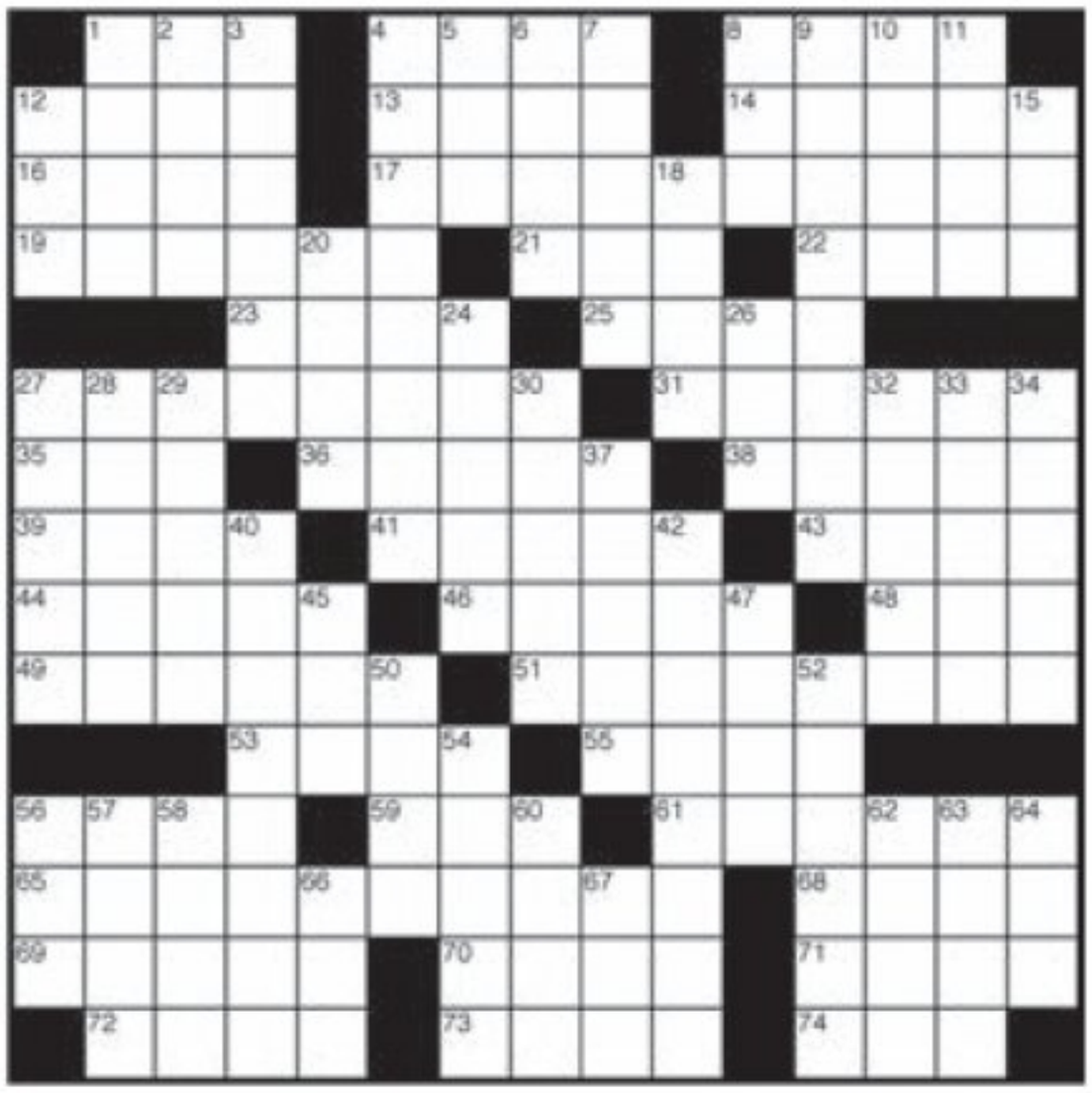

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Aries Do things for yourself, not for others, today. Not everyone will be impressed or will recognize your talents. If you support the underdog, you will feel good about your accomplishments.

Taurus Concentrate on romance, travel or something you enjoy doing. Participate in activities that inspire you to use your skills in new ways. New beginnings await you.

Gemini Set a price for what you have to offer. Working for nothing will not pay the bills. You deserve to be paid what you are worth. Consider starting your own business.

Cancer Check out your alternatives. A different environment or life choice will motivate you to take on projects that allow you to use your imagination. Romance is encouraged.

Leo A partnership will allow you to concentrate on what you do best. Negotiate your terms and get what you want in writing. A change will do you good. Face your fears head-on.

Virgo If you take inventory of your life, you will realize how much it holds. An assertive, willful approach to getting what you want will lead to satisfaction and new goals.

Libra Observe what others say and do, but don't let on how you feel or what your plans are until you have everything in place. Trust in yourself, and follow through with your objectives.

Scorpio Recognize what you are up against. Don't let an emotional reaction lead to an argument. Discord will curtail your freedom and stifle your chance to bring about positive change.

Sagittarius Plan to do something that is entertaining and exciting and that will capture your imagination and lead to an interesting project or pastime.

Capricorn Not everyone will like your ideas. Walk away from those who complain, and surround yourself with positive, upbeat doers willing to give you a helping hand.

Aquarius Take action and do what you can to get back in shape. Your physical and mental states will determine how well you will do and what you will accomplish.

Pisces You will feel alienated if you don't share your thoughts. Be honest and find out where you stand. A healthy sense of compromise will lead to balanced relationships. EUGENIA LAST

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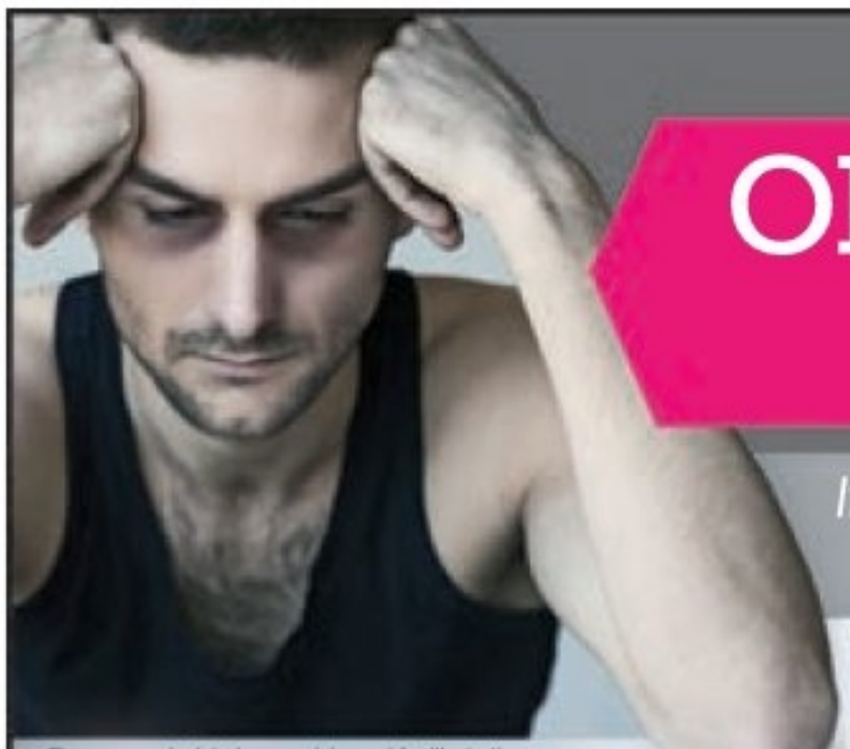

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